



Councilmembers Chu, Liccardo & Kalra with community member Van Le at the Vietnamese Children's Moon Festival.



Councilmember Chu and wife Daisy with Independence High School students at the Open Your Hearts Variety Show & Toy Drive.



Councilmember Chu with wife, Daisy, at Ruskin Elementary School during the Governor's Fit Challenge Event.

Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

The holidays are a time of love and laughter for most of us as well as a time for getting together with the people we care about. But for some, the holiday season presents each of us with a unique opportunity to help those in need within our great city; whether we choose to make a financial donation, donate new toys or clothes, volunteer our time and talents, or participate in a holiday drive. Together, we can all make a difference by volunteering in our communities. Even the smallest contribution can make a significant difference to those who are struggling.

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Happy Holidays
from
Councilmember
Kansen Chu
and your
District 4 Staff!

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Email district4@sanjoseca.gov so you can be added to the email list.

Kansen's Blog: www.kansenchu.com/blog

District 4 Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4>

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COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 9

Berryessa Branch Library
Community Room
6:00PM-7:00PM

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 13

Berryessa Branch Library
Study Room C
6:00PM-8:00PM

Councilmember Kansen Chu

invites you to attend Community Office Hours in order to get feedback and provide assistance to residents. Staff will also be on hand to assist in handling questions and concerns from residents. If you wish to make an appointment to meet with Council member Chu on any of the listed dates, please call the office at (408) 535-4904.

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 3

Alviso Branch Library
Community Room
6:00PM-8:00PM

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 10

Berryessa Branch Library
Community Room
6:00PM-8:00PM

Dates & locations subject to change. Please check the District 4 website for confirmed time and locations.

CENSUS 2010 UPDATE

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, and emergency services.

The 2010 Census is your community's voice in government. When you fill out the census form, you're making a statement about what resources your community needs. Achieving a complete and accurate 2010 Census is in our hands. In 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will define who we are as a nation. The form is short, your answers are protected, and many benefits rely upon an accurate count. Help your community receive the funds it requires and ensure that everyone is counted!

It's Easy! In 2010, every household will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return.

- Number of people in household
- Name of each person in household
- Gender
- Race/Ethnicity
- Phone Number
- Relationship
- Age/Date of Birth
- Tenure (rent or own?)

The Census takes just a few minutes to complete and return by mail.

It's Safe! Every Census Bureau worker takes an oath for life to protect the confidentiality of Census responses. By law, the Census Bureau does not share your answers with anyone. Not even other government agencies. Your answers are protected and your identity is safe.

It's Important! An accurate Census count is important to the City of San Jose, as well as other local government agencies, because the Census count is used to make decisions about the amount of funding our agencies receive. Every year, more than \$300 billion in federal funds are awarded to states and communities based on Census data. That's more than \$3 trillion over a 10-year period. Completing the Census helps to provide:

- Jobs
- Language services
- Health Services
- Each state's delegation of seats for the U.S. House of Representatives
- Community planning such as roads, hospitals, and schools





Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Water Taskforce

Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6PM at the Alviso Community Center
www.alvisowater.org

Contact: alvisowater@gmail.com

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council

Meets every 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM at the Berryessa Community Center

Contact: Mike Flaughner
mikeflaughner@yahoo.com

Independence High Neighborhood Association

Meets every 3rd Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA

Contact: Dale Warner
ihna@dalewarner.com

North Valley Community Association

Meets every 1st Monday of the Month at 7PM Location TBA

Contact: Karen Navas
kn_nca@yahoo.com

To Subscribe to the Listserve, Please send an email to:

NorthValleyCA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Piedmont Hostetter Neighborhood Association

Meets quarterly at 6:30PM at the Berryessa Union School District Board Room

Contact: Cheryl VanZuylen
Cheryl_vanzuylen@yahoo.com

River Oaks Neighborhood Association

Meets every odd month Location TBA

Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

Townsend Park Neighborhood Association

Meets twice yearly Location TBA

Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com



Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

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The City of San José and non-profit organizations work together during the holiday season, as well as throughout the year, to give back and brighten the lives of people in our community. In addition, San Jose schools do their share by organizing their own holiday drives. I wish to thank and commend the residents who work behind the scenes in our community and make the holiday season brighter for the many who receive the benefit of their efforts.

If you are interested in volunteering, there are many opportunities right in our backyard, whether it is with Santa Visits Alviso, North Valley Community Association's Holiday Season event at the Berryessa Library, or even spending time at the local food banks, you can make a difference in making someone's holiday a joyous celebration. Please contact my office to see how you can help.

As the City of San José ends a year and faces another year of significant and enduring fiscal challenges, I believe it is critical that the City Council continues to work together to solve long-term budget issues and find creative solutions that address and preserve essential services. As a City Council, we are working for the well-being of the whole City and need to continue to serve our residents in the best way possible. I will continue to work collaboratively with my colleagues to think outside the box and to be creative in addressing issues and problems as we look ahead to preparing the budget for the next fiscal year.

In addition, I ask you for your assistance to help me and the City Council understand your priorities by sharing with us your thoughts on how we should create a balanced budget that addresses the fundamental issues of our City, while remaining fiscally responsible. If you would like to share ideas about ways the city can save money or generate revenue, please email me at district4@sanjoseca.gov.

Best Regards,



WINTER SPARE THE AIR ALERTS IN THE BAY AREA

The cities that surround San Francisco Bay are home to almost 7 million residents and an estimated 1.4 million fireplaces and woodstoves. Wood burning is a major source of particulate matter air pollution in the Bay Area during the winter months. Particulate matter is a mixture of solid and liquid particles in the air. The smaller-sized particles are of the greatest health concern because they can pass through the nose and throat and lodge deep in the lungs.

Cold air can trap particulate matter close to the ground so active fire places can directly affect neighborhoods and affect your community's health. Residents are asked this winter to give up wood fires in stoves and fireplaces to limit smoke this winter.

From November to February, particulate matter from these appliances, coupled with smog emissions, can become a problem in the Bay Area. To protect public health, the Air District will issue a **Winter Spare the Air Alert** when particulate matter concentrations are expected to be unhealthy. When a Winter Spare the Air Alert is in effect, burning wood and/or firelogs in your fireplace or woodstove is illegal.

Do you part in improving our air quality by
"checking before you burn."

Visit SpareTheAir.org or call 1-877-4NO BURN to find out
when a **Winter Spare the Air Alert** is in effect.



Visit the District 4 Christmas tree at
San José's Christmas in the Park!
Decorated by Piedmont Hills High

**DO YOU RECEIVE
WEEKLY EMAILS
FROM
COUNCILMEMBER
KANSEN CHU?**

Sign-up at
www.sanjoseca.gov/district4

FIRESTATION 29 TOUR WITH FRIENDS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Last month we all had the special treat of hosting a Firestation visit at Firestation 29 located on Innovation Drive with the group, Friends of Children with Special Needs.

We were able to host the visit for children to explore the Firestation and learn more about firefighters and how they save lives. Friends of Children with Special Needs is a non-profit group dedicated to providing support, friendship, and life skills training to developmentally disabled individuals and their families. Friends of Children with Special Needs was founded in 1996 and has since expanded to a membership of over 500 families, serving approximately 250 individuals with autism, Down's syndrome and cerebral palsy.

I would like to thank Captains Brett Blean and Ralph Padilla and the rest of the Firestation 29 crew for opening your doors to Friends of Children with special needs. Firestation 29 along with all the firestations in the City are always open for visits!



Firestation 29 Visit.



A Firefighter shares with attendees
what his job entails.



COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

LED LIGHTS IN NORTH SAN JOSE

Last December, I submitted a budget request to consideration by the City Council and Redevelopment Agency for funding to install LED lights for the North San José Redevelopment Area. I recommended that the City Council approve funding for the installation of Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights for approximately 700 locations, using the North San José industrial area as a starting area. LED lights require much less energy and lasts much longer than the Low Sodium lights, and therefore maintaining them is much more cost effective. The average life span of the LED is 15-20 years as compared with the 4 years for the current Low Sodium lights. As the City continues to face tough economic times, it is important to continue looking for creative and innovative ways the City can reduce costs. Funding the pilot in North San José will reduce electricity costs & meet our Green Vision by installing high tech, energy efficient and environmentally friendly LED streetlights in the Capitol of the Silicon Valley. The lights and control system are on order and should be installed in early January 2010.

FORMER NATIONS MONUMENT SIGN

I am pleased to announce that the Piedmont Hills Shopping Center sign, located at the former Nations Restaurant, at the intersection of Piedmont Road and Hostetter Road, has been demolished. In June 2009, the former Nations building has been an ongoing eyesore in our community and was demolished back. My office has been working closely with City staff and the property owner to address this blight issue for a long time and I would like to thank the residents for your patience.

In the meantime, the property owner is looking into redeveloping this property to Meet District 4's needs. I will keep you updated as this project moves forward.



PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE IN ALVISO

Traffic calming issues continue to be a major concern in the City of San José. My office has been working closely with the City Manager's Office and the Department of Transportation to address traffic safety in the Alviso community. I am pleased to announce that the Department of Transportation has recently installed additional pedestrian signage by George Mayne Elementary along First Street. Pedestrian advisory signs were installed in both directions prior to the Tony P. Santos intersection. In addition, another advisory sign was installed for eastbound traffic near the Alviso Youth Center.

Traffic calming does not work by itself and requires neighborhood support to keep our streets safe. Effective public education, aggressive traffic enforcement, and good traffic engineering are important, but street smart drivers and pedestrians are essential for traffic safety in our neighborhoods. If you have any concerns regarding the traffic safety in your neighborhood, please contact the Department of Transportation at 408-535-3850 or via email at traffic.calming@sanjoseca.gov. To request the San José Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit, please call 408-277-4341. Please provide specific information regarding your concerns to better assist the Traffic Enforcement Unit.



City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

Code Enforcement

(408) 277-4528

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

Meet Your District 4 Team

Margie Espinoza, Executive Assistant

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FOCUS AREAS

Councilmember Scheduling, Office Administration,
Constituent Services, and Event Planning.



Stephanie Fong, Policy Analyst

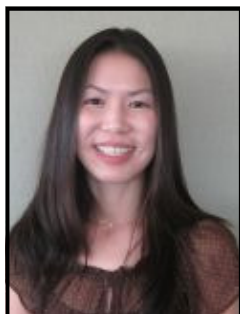
stephanie.fong@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Redevelopment, Parks & Recreation, Budget,
Personnel, Youth, Internship Coordination, Web Content, & Constituent
Services.

COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services & Education; Public Safety, Finance & Strategic
Support.



Kathy Duong, Policy Analyst

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FOCUS AREAS

North Valley Neighborhood, North San José Neighborhood, Land Use,
Environment, Public Safety, Housing, Economic Development,
Web Content, Vietnamese Media Relations and Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support; Transportation & Environment



Yvonne Wong, Council Assistant

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FOCUS AREAS

Alviso Neighborhood, Mobilehome Communities, Human Rights,
Transportation, Community Outreach, Code Enforcement, Chinese Media
Relations and Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

Human Rights Commission; Mobilehome Advisory Commission;
Santa Clara County Valley Habitat Conservation Plan



Councilmember Chu speaks at the District 4 Parent Forum



DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

For up-to-date event information, visit sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

DECEMBER

5 MOBILHOME TOWN HALL

Co-Sponsored with Assemblymember Torrico and Supervisor Cortese

10:00AM-12:00PM

Santa Clara County Building

1555 Berger Drive

9 COMMUNITY MEETING

City Landscape Maintenance

7:00PM-8:30PM

Berryessa Community Center

3050 Berryessa Road

12 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

9:00am-11:00AM

Berryessa Community Center

3050 Berryessa Road

\$8 per Adult

\$5 per Child



Independence High School Cavalry Band performs at the Berryessa Art and Wine Festival.

12 26TH ANNUAL SANTA VISITS ALVISO

12:00PM-3:00PM

George Mayne Elementary &

Alviso Youth Center

5040 North First Street

13 SCREENING: NANKING

A history of the Sino-Japanese War

2:00PM

Independence High School

19 NVCA HOLIDAY SEASON

A Christmas Celebration

12:00PM-3:00PM

Berryessa Branch Library

3355 Noble Avenue

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

City Hall Closed

Happy New Year!

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE
DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 1

JANUARY

13 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Berryessa Branch Library

Study Room C

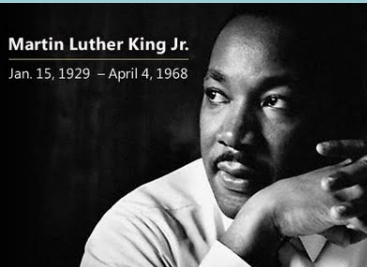
6:00PM-8:00PM

3355 Noble Avenue

Please call (408) 535-4904 to schedule a 15-minute appointment.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan. 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968



18 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR HOLIDAY

City Hall Closed



Councilmember Chu with Independence High School student volunteers at the Overfelt Gardens Annual Children's Moon Festival.



Students from Majestic Way enjoy the newly installed public art at Berryessa Creek Park.



Councilmembers Chu and wife Daisy visits Van Lang Sunday Vietnamese School.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

(408) 929-9453 • www.wcsv.org

Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San José residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!



(408) 793-4190 • www.sjadoptapark.org

Celebrating 25 Years



Santa Visits Alviso

Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us • www.alvisosanta.com



Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626

Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181



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